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Dear Sirs/Madam- As a veteran of the USMC who honorably served my country I am writing to express my opposition to the pending legislative bills which are attempting to subvert and strip away the rights of law-abiding citizens to own firearms for whatever lawful purpose they want. Criminals don't adhere to laws to begin with and any tightening of gun laws, ostensibly to create a safer environment, only makes it harder and more burdensome for law-abiding citizens to own firearms, such as a concern to defend themselves and their families from the criminal predators who are perpetrating their crimes.

I am deeply troubled with how events unfolded in Canada when law abiding and peaceful citizens of Canada went to Ottawa to address their big concerns about the far reaching tyranny that has taken over in Canada. These countless peaceful protestors were met with a government hell bent on destroying their fellow countrymen and womens freedoms and liberties. Canada has become a prime example of what happens when the citizenry of a country lets themselves be disarmed and stripped of their inherent rights to own firearms for whatever peaceful purpose they so desired. Our founding fathers understood the importance of a citizenry owning firearms to be able to defend themselves against tyranny thrust upon them by an unscrupulous government hell bent on stripping citizens of their inherent rights to own firearms which are afforded in the second amendment.

An honest government who has the rights of its people at its forefront does not fear gun ownership of its citizenry. I strongly feel that more and more gun laws only prevent and make it much more difficult for law-abiding citizens to own firearms for whatever peaceful purpose they desire. There are countless gun laws already on the books which need to be enforced to go after and penalize those criminals who use firearms to commit an unlawful or evil act. A strong message needs to be sent to these criminals that if they commit a crime with a firearm they are going to be dealt with very harshly and the full weight of the law will be forced on them.

I respect the judiciary committee members and have confidence that they will see and understand the wisdom that our founding fathers had when they created our Constitution and Bill of Rights. I hope and pray they will fight for the liberties our founding fathers gave their fellow countrymen and women with the second amendment.

In closing I will coin a familiar phrase which says that if guns are outlawed only outlaws will have guns. It sounds simplistic but it makes perfect sense when you consider that criminals don't adhere to laws and that is why more and more laws continual to be ignored by the criminal element and only serve to penalize and prevent law-abiding citizens from owning firearms for whatever peaceful purpose they so desire.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and hopefully cooler heads will prevail and legislators will perform their duty to uphold the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens and go after the criminals who are the ones who commit the vast number of crimes with firearms.

Sincerely, John Mastroddi